



The Bull

Rules the neck, throat, thyroid gland, larynx, chin, lower jaw, ears, tongue, vocal chords, jugular vein, tonsils

Earth Element

Exoteric Ruler-Venus

Soul Ruler-Vulcan

2nd House – House of Taurus Ray 4, Fixed Earth

Taurus / April 21 - May 20

Taurus is the second sign of the Zodiac. It is associated with the month of May and the peak time of Spring .

Individuals born under this sign are down to earth, practical, calm, patient, reliable, loyal, affectionate, and sensuous.

Undeveloped Taurus can be lazy, inflexible, stubborn, envious, greedy or materialistic.



Strengths: Patient and reliable, warmhearted and affectionate, sensual, persistent and determined, mild-mannered, simplicity



Weaknesses: Possessive and jealous, greedy, stubborn or inflexible, lazy, attached to comfort and pleasure, overly simplistic



Esoteric Taurus: Is here to manifest beauty, to be a wise steward of the Earth's resources, to ground and anchor, to manifest and illuminate.

TAURUS







The house which Taurus rules is where you will be challenged to create and manifest beauty and be a wise steward of resources. It is where you need to simplify what you are learning to anchor and value.

Venus - R5 & R2 – Intelligent Love Goddess of Love - Aphrodite

- It is a sacred planet
- Venus is about love, magnetism, appreciation and loving intelligence. It is the love of the beautiful and seeing the beautiful in all things, refinement, esoterically wisdom.
- It is about what one values and appreciates, discernment.
- It is related to the mental and aesthetic faculties. It is love-wisdom, union of heart and mind. Mind filled with light (R 5). It directs the love principle through the power of mind (R 5,2)
- In undeveloped man, Venus is instinctual mind or affection which is brotherly love in embryo.

Venus in the elements:

- **Venus in fire** – grand gestures would be required, energy and enthusiasm, eg., a gift of 5 dozen roses.
- **Venus in earth** – tangible commitments. Venus in Taurus is the earth Venus, its physical and sensual responses to emotions and feeling are strongly accentuated.
- **Venus in air** – requires words to share one's sensitivity and vulnerability.
- **Venus (air) in water** – requires an interchange of sensitivity and love feelings, a need for emotional feeding and sympathetic caring and for a consistent and steady responsiveness to one's sensitivity and vulnerability.

Vulcan – Esoteric ruler – R1 – Glorification through purification Blacksmith of the Gods

- hidden by the Sun and behind Mercury
- downward arrow indicates pressure, persistence, strengthening as in a forger of steel with a hammer.
- strengthens the spiritual will and represents the grip of the soul.
- the forger of metals; the one who works in the densest most concrete expression of the natural world - reshapes, chisels, prunes.
- a sacred planet.
- Grounded power, Vulcan destroys attachment to matter and form, creates new vehicles for the expression of soul. It is intimately involved in the spiritualization of matter.

To the Soul:

- **Vulcan** rules the inner man and guides his fashioning, forging the personality.
- it represents opportunity to transform desire into spiritual will
- Vulcan is a builder or shatterer.
- It is the gripping by the soul – soul grip, under pressure, pressure cooker, jolt or blow.
- It restructures matter and reorients it to a higher vibration.
- Vulcan is a force which initiates or begins but also destroys bringing the death of form in order that the soul may be set free (liberation – 1st ray).

- It stands for glorification through purification and detachment of matter.
- It is closely identified with the Sun, (only 8 degrees away from the sun) - they are almost as one.
- It strengthens the spiritual will.
- Vulcan is involved in the 1st Initiation; it reaches to the depths of man's nature.
- It is associated with 'beating' of the heart-Leo. Upon 1st Initiation Vulcan as Vulcan 'beats' the metal as it fashions it, as does a blacksmith.
- 1st Initiation is the hardest since it is difficult to move matter. It is the Birth of Christ in the cave of the heart. Leo rules the heart chakra.

Vulcan in the elements:

forging, tempering (spiritual will)

- **Vulcan in fire** – the skill to forge or temper our actions and behavior, leading to trials, testing, and reorientation of our spiritual will.
- **Vulcan in earth** – the skill to forge or temper our accomplishments through our desires, and the ability to bring them into material expression.
- **Vulcan in air** – the skill to forge or temper our relationships, resulting in duality being recognized, refashioned and balanced.
- **Vulcan (air) in water** – the skill to forge or temper our feelings and responsiveness, resulting in purification and identification of our spiritual will.

Focus change from Venus to Vulcan



- Aspects between Venus and Vulcan in your chart relate to purification through fire.
- If they are conjunct you could be intense, transformative, willful
- harmonious aspects (sextile, trine, quintile) could indicate you are working on strengthening the spiritual will
- inharmonious (crosses, quincunx) aspects could indicate you are under pressure to change



The Scorpion, the Eagle, and the Phoenix

Rules the generative organs, bladder, prostate, urinary tract

Water Element

Traditional Ruler- Mars / Pluto

Soul Ruler- Mars

8th House – House of Scorpio

Ray 4, Fixed Water


October 23 - November 21


Scorpio is the 8th sign of the Zodiac, associated with the fullness of autumn.


Exoteric – death, rebirth, inheritance, other peoples resources, sex

Esoteric – discipleship, transformation, regeneration, death of the personality, rebirth of the soul through the life.

- If goals are for materialistic, personal power and if taken to the extreme could result in an individual who ruthlessly violates the rights of others for personal gain.
- As the lower nature is transformed, old negative patterns die and soul powers begin to manifest.

 **Strengths:** Powerful, passionate, magnetic, creative, resourceful, insightful, transformative power, penetrating, motivated, private, executive, determined, scientific, investigative, probing

 **Weaknesses:** Jealous and resentful, compulsive or obsessive, secretive, manipulative, sneaky, destructive, vengeful, jealous, temperamental, overbearing, violent, sarcastic, suspicious, intolerant.

 **Esoteric Scorpio:** Test, trial and triumph! The task of Scorpio is to transmute lower desire into Higher Will through the testing and purging of the personality; to become victorious over the lower nature.

SCORPIO



The house Scorpio rules is where you will be challenged to radically change or transform your life; where something will have to end in order for something higher to emerge.



Rulers of Scorpio

- **Exoteric/Esoteric Ruler - Mars**— R6 The rebellious personality – God of War
- **Mars in Scorpio**
- **Exoteric** - drive of sexual power, control, manipulation of energy on the emotional plane. – represents desires, passions, physical drives, warfare. It embodies 6th R force and this results in the destructive fanatical types so often found when this planet is strong.
- On the positive side it is the 6th ray that will offer the strength, intensity, determination and courage to be the warrior of one's self-created demons.
- **Esoteric** – bring energy to focal point, courage to step into one's own darkness, one's waters and to release and liberate.

- It provides courage to fight one's demons and go into the dark recesses of one's own creation. It symbolizes the way in which the blind, rebellious emotional nature has to be subdued by the soul as it seeks to impose its will upon the lower nature.
- **To the soul** – it represents opportunity to transmute desire into spiritual aspiration. It gives to the personality the courage that it needs in order to do so.
- It is the location of the personality attachment to emotions and points to where transformation of desire must occur. Its fiery nature can thwart or expedite the intentions of the soul itself

- Mars rules Aries and Scorpio. They both do battle but move differently. One works with the element of fire and the other with the element of water.
 - Scorpio's way of fighting is not direct. It is subtle and powerful because it is contained by waters and concentrated.
 - Aries' battlefield is himself. Aries rules beginnings and Scorpio rules death, so that the personality must die in Scorpio in order that the soul can come into activity
 - Mars in Aries – how I drive myself, use energy, move in the world.
- Its placement (house) – the way one takes initiative, asserts oneself, and dives into something new.

- **Exoteric Ruler – Pluto** – R1 - The Arrow of Death – planet of will (Traditional Astrology)
- Mars relationship to Pluto – similarity in what they do especially in Scorpio; both have arrows in glyph, one 6thR and the other 1st R, intense and one-pointed.
- Pluto is a non-sacred planet.
- Brings about wrenching, catharsis, death, elimination, death and rebirth. It is an instrument for the development of Spiritual Will and destruction of personal will and selfishness. It purges the lower self of all obstacles to soul infusion and is, therefore, the agent of death and regeneration. Death through transformation.

- Death of worn out ideas and ideals, of crystallized old forms, death or ending of old forms of civilization which cyclically come and go; of religious teachings, of educational programs which fail to educate.
- Death as the Great Releaser, which shatters the forms which are bringing death to that which is embodied.
- Death of desire, death of personality and all which holds man between the pairs of opposites, in order to achieve final liberation (1st ray).
- **To the soul:** it represents an opportunity to eliminate limitation.
- Death never destroys the consciousness aspect.



- Once Pluto has purged the lower subconscious residues accumulated during many life cycles, it is instrumental in raising the material aspects of the personality so that they can become totally available to the soul.
- 1st Initiation – drags to the surface and destroys all that hinders in these lower regions – connected with solar plexus – emotionally so difficult – found in water signs.
- With the help of Pluto one doesn't just stay on the surface of the mutable waters, but is asked to die, to transform, to bring closure to things that no longer serve. There is no need to carry the pain any longer. "I die daily" makes sense; one can feel overwhelmed but use Pluto to go into the depths and come out regenerated, being reborn.

- When there is Pluto stuff happening in the chart it does not feel clear cut. It is weighty and you can't think your way out of a Pluto transit but you most definitely stand in another place after the transit. It is a long process because Pluto moves relatively very slowly. Its orbit is the longest of all the planets that have been spoken about because it is the furthest away from the sun, the darkest, and hence rules the Underworld – a place known for darkness and things are not very clear.
- Things need to come up into the light of day to be understood.

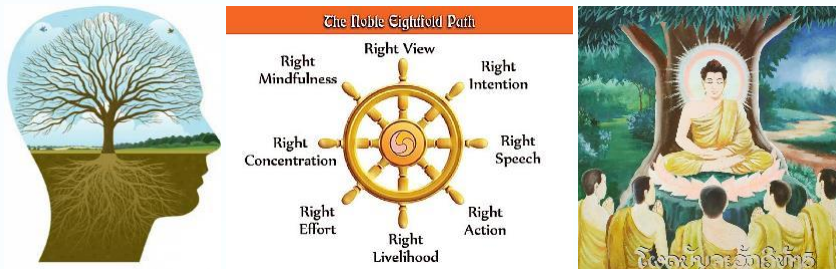
Pluto in the elements:

Transforming (death, regeneration, change, power)

- **Pluto in fire** – the need and power to transform our actions and behavior, leading to trials, testing, and reorientation of our understanding of death and regeneration.
- **Pluto in earth** – the driving desire to transform our accomplishments, and the power to bring them into material expression.
- **Pluto in air** – the need and power to change our relationships , resulting in duality being recognized and transformed.
- **Pluto in water** – the need and power to transform feelings and responsiveness , resulting in purification and identification of our base of power.

Focus change from Pluto to Mars

- Aspects between Pluto and Mars in your chart relate to catharsis.
- If they are conjunct you could be bold, power-loving, warlike
- harmonious aspects (sextile, trine, quintile) could indicate you are assertive, commanding, energetic
- inharmonious (crosses, quincunx) aspects could indicate you are aggressive, cutting, uncompromising



Taurus-Scorpio ~ Cultivating the Mind to Transform Relationships

Overcoming our lower natures to develop right speech, right thought, right action, and right human relations overall.



Taurus and Scorpio are part of the Fixed Cross
Taurus Stabilizes Accomplishments - Scorpio Stabilizes Feelings



Taurus

Illumination takes the place of...
 Aspiration The Light of Love
 Identification with desire
 Attachment, attraction
 Acquisition
 Earthly material desires
 Peacefulness, bucolic tranquility
 The builder
 Transmutation
 Speech
 Inertness, stolidity
 The will to live in form
 Buddha—Illumination through struggle

Scorpio

... the "darkness of experience"
 Conflict with duality The Fighter
 The relinquishing of desire
 Detachment, repulsion
 Sacrifice
 The purifying water
 War and bloodshed
 The destroyer
 Transformation
 Silence and depth
 Passion and intensity
 The will to die, or leave form
 Hercules—Strength through testing

Taurus – Scorpio

Esoterically, Excessive Action

- Scorpio is associated with all forms of letting go, while Taurus is associated with holding on and accumulation
- Taurus-Scorpio are also connected with desire, the misuse of this leads to trouble in a number of ways
 - Over-emphasis on sex, overbreeding, overeating
 - Materialistic grab for possessions or manipulation of people and resources, leading to battles

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Taurus - Scorpio



Acquisition of material possessions is a trait of Taurus,
while Scorpio broods intensely about life

Taurus – Scorpio

Exoterically, Deficient Action

- Taurus, related to Mother Nature and the Moon, connects this sign to the Mother
 - Children who had a poor relationship with their mothers often have psychological issues or character flaws as adults
- Scorpio is associated with some dark behavior, usually rising out of a sense of deprivation
 - It can also be traced psychologically to malnutrition
- The failure to develop a sense of values in Taurus can be inherited in the legacy we pass on in Scorpio

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Taurus - Scorpio



Practical versus compulsive

Taurus – Scorpio

Resolution

- Taurus-Scorpio relate to value
 - Money, property, inheritance; desire and death
 - The passion for giving and taking must be superseded by the concept of sharing and renewal
 - According to the law of conservation of energy, nothing is ever really lost, the energy just transforms
 - Birth / death are transitions from one condition to another
 - The physical vehicle is only a temporary vehicle of the soul for this one lifetime, but the soul remains
- Sex divides us arbitrarily into genders or social groups
 - Love draws us together again

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Taurus – Scorpio

On the Higher Spiral



Using soul wisdom to overcome desires and establish right relations.

Buddha—Illumination through struggle

Hercules—Strength through testing

Taurus – Scorpio Relationship

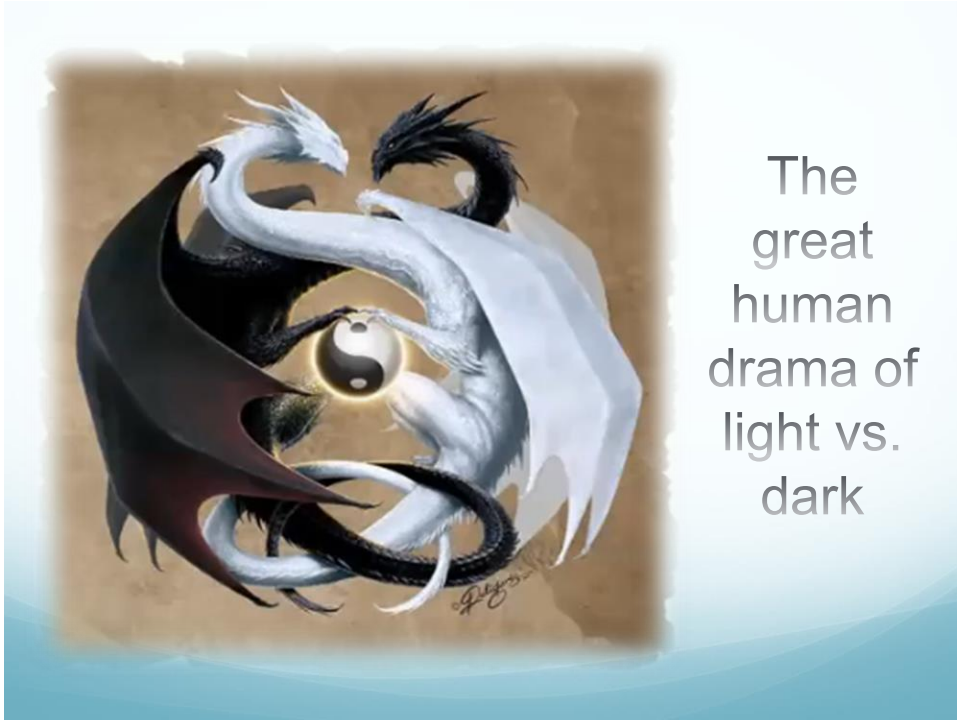
- Exoteric - For Ordinary Humanity
 - Powerful focused lower desire leads to death and defeat
 - The triumph of the lower nature which eventuates in the awakening to satiety and death
 - The man is the prisoner of desire
- Esoteric - For Disciples and Initiates
 - The final victory of soul over form
 - Death and darkness demonstrate as life and light as the result of this energy relationship
 - The dark night of the soul becomes radiant sun

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Taurus – Scorpio Points of Cooperation

- These signs are a bi-polar pair with many similarities
 - Both are fixed signs, considered at this stage of evolution the paramount signs of the Fixed Cross
 - Locked in a dynamic interaction, both signs are of struggle
- Both are powerfully related to the **desire nature**
 - Their connection with the astral body is profound
- Both represent the great human drama of **light vs dark**
 - Desire for darkness followed by desire/aspiration for light
- Both of these signs can be considered **power** signs
 - Power often relates to what has been accumulated under the impulse of desire
 - They are financial signs as well; accumulated value adds to power

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The
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Taurus – Scorpio

Points of Cooperation

- They are also a great drama of **attachment/detachment**
 - First attachment to material values (Taurus)
 - Followed by detachment from material (Scorpio)
 - And attachment to spiritual values
 - Engineered by Scorpio and finding its fulfillment in Taurus
- Together they officiate at the reorientation of the desire nature (transforming the human into its divine state)
- Relationship of will-to-desire is also worked out here
 - Vulcan representing the Spiritual Will and Mars representing the desire of the form
 - In this respect Taurus represents the spiritual and Scorpio represents the forces of desire

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Taurus – Scorpio

Points of Cooperation

- These are both signs of intense sexuality and are associated with the **sacral** and **throat** centers
 - **Sacral** is related to the impulse to build and destroy
 - Building also occurs at the **throat** center on a higher level and destruction can occur through the word as well
- The 4th ray is distributed through both signs
 - The 4th ray pouring through Taurus and Scorpio relates to our solar system which is of the 4th order
- Additionally the 1st ray comes in Taurus through Vulcan and in Scorpio through Pluto
- Both of these signs are signs of profound warfare
 - Taurus “Let struggle be undismayed”
 - Scorpio “Warrior am I and from the battle I emerge triumphant”

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Points of Cooperation

- In the early days, the combined forces of Taurus/Scorpio represent extreme Maya and illusion
 - The maya of the material, earthly plane
 - The glamor and illusion of the astral plane
- Both of these signs can also be associated with the buddhic plane (4th Ray)
 - Taurus with the clear, seeing, single eye which brings the unitive vision of the buddhic plane
 - Scorpio with the light of the intuition which resolves all dualities and ends the power of the serpent of illusion

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Taurus – Scorpio

Summary

- Taurus is all about desire for average man
 - it is will or directed purpose for the disciple
- Scorpio is conflict, test, trial, and eventually triumph
 - It brings us from one crisis to another
 - important moments of reorientation for us
 - It is the turning point for the individual and Humanity
- Taurus is desire for aspiration, growth of the soul light
- Scorpio, is about conflict of duality, desire is overcome
- The axis is one of learning to use the wisdom of the light of the soul to overcome desire
 - through right thought, right action and right relationships

The darkness of the experience in Scorpio becomes illumination in Taurus

For it must never be forgotten that where the pairs of opposites are concerned they gain and profit from each other, for there is a direct line of force and of contact between the two

This is a fact which is seldom recognized

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Taurus		Scorpio
Ray 4 – Fixed Earth		Ray 4 – Fixed, Water
Ruler: Venus Ray 5	Exoteric	Ruler: Mars Ray 6 (Pluto Ray 1)
Ruler: Vulcan Ray 1	Esoteric	Ruler: Mars Ray 6
<i>I see When the mind is opened, all is illumined</i>	Key Phrase	<i>Warrior am I, and from the battle I emerge triumphant</i>

Taurus—The penetrating Light of the Path This is a beam of light, streaming forth from the point in Aries, and revealing the area of light control

Scorpio—The Light of Day This is the place where three lights meet—the light of form, the light of soul, and the light of life They meet; they blend; they rise

Wesak Full Moon 7 May, strong Taurus-Scorpio energies

(Geocentric, Tropical, Placidus)

